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For : **METHOD FOR SEPARATING BACKGROUND SPRITE AND
FOREGROUND OBJECT AND METHOD FOR EXTRACTING
SEGMENTATION MASK AND THE APPARATUS**

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